Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 15 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 16 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 14 Mar 2022 at 16:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but a few hours uncertainty in timing of rain and summit snow clearing Tuesday night. Moderate for amount of showers or any longer spells of rain Thursday. High for dry increasingly settled conditions by the weekend, but moderate for amounts of sunshine.

Headline for Tuesday 15 Mar 2022: Severe gales. Rain, snow and low cloud becoming widespread.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 15 Mar 2022

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Dull	Dull	Light snow	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
<05%	10%	20%	20%	40%	70%	80%	80%

Forecast for Tuesday 15 Mar 2022

Weather: Cloudy but mainly dry through the early hours and to start the day. Rain, snow above 700-800m, spreads into the west coast by around midday. Persistent rain then spreading across all ranges through the afternoon, with snow above 900-1000m. Becoming dry with some clear spells near the west coast towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the morning, falling to nil in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good in the morning outside any low cloud. Falling poor in the afternoon at height, a few km at low levels in heavier outbreaks of rain. Cloud bases mostly above the tops, but occasionally 1000m in the west during the morning. Cloud then gradually lowering to around 700m around early afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/44 SW	42/51 S	45/56 S	47/59 S	49/62 S	44/55 S	38/48 S	25/33 SW	19/23 SW
900	26/36 SW	29/40 S	31/42 S	32/43 S	33/43 S	29/40 S	25/34 S	19/26 SW	12/16 SW
600	35/42 SW	41/50 S	42/51 S	45/55 S	40/51 S	37/47 S	33/42 S	22/29 SW	12/16 SW
300	16/25 S	19/29 S	20/30 S	23/34 S	23/34 S	21/31 S	18/27 S	12/19 S	7/11 S
Glen	9/22 SW	10/24 SW	13/28 SW	13/28 S	18/35 S	17/32 S	14/28 S	9/19 SW	4/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-15	-3/-13	-3/-12	-2/-10	-3/-10
900	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-10	-0/-9	-0/-8	-0/-8	0/-6	-0/-6
600	2/-6	2/-6	2/-7	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-3
300	4/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/1	4/1
Glen	5/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	6/2	6/2	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	700m	700m	800m	900m	1000m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe gales across the summits for much of the day will have the potential to lift you off your feet.

Forecast for Wednesday 16 Mar 2022

Weather: Mainly dry with clear spells developing from the west through the early hours. Then a bright day with sunny spells, the best of these in the afternoon. A few showers possible in the morning near the west coast. Cloudier conditions may spread in from the west late evening giving the odd light shower.

Maximum wind: Southwest 10-15 gusting 20 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very good. Some patchy cloud may lower to around 1000m at times in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 800-900m, dropping to 600m by afternoon.

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